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Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/774,167	Applicant(s)
Examiner	Art Unit James L. Swiger	3733

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-16 and 23-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 17-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/6/2004</u> .	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

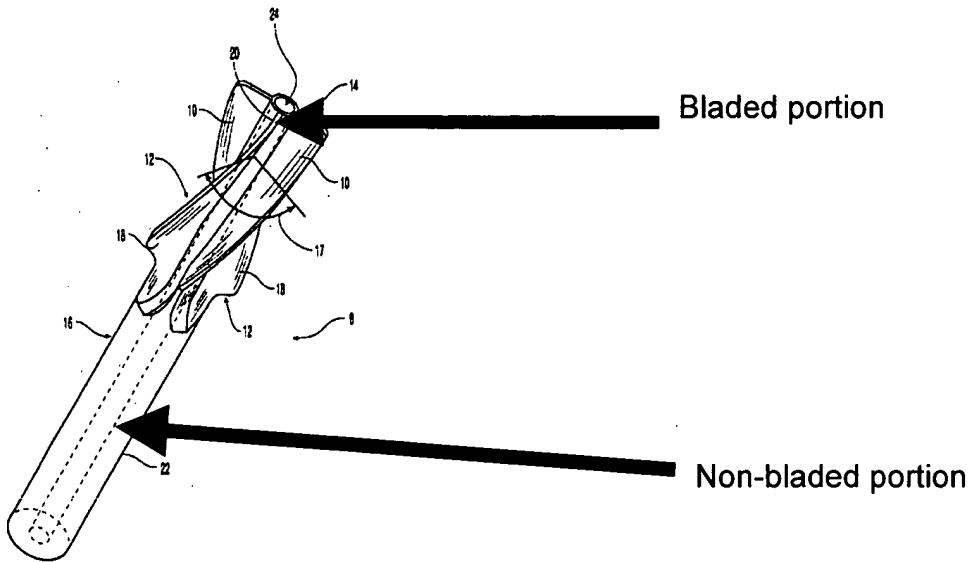
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,2,4,5,13-16, 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bresina (U.S. Patent No. 5,741,256). Bresina discloses a device having an implant (Fig. 1), a shaft (16) defining a longitudinal axis, a plurality of blades (10 and 12) that are helically twisted (Col. 2, line 26), and has a set of blades that varies longitudinally (Col. 3, lines 15-20). Also disclosed is a variable blade width from proximal to distal ends (Col. 3, lines 23-25), at least one blade with a substantially constant blade width (Col. 3, line 15), the blades twisting about 90 degrees (Col. 3, line 22), an implant configured and dimensioned for implantation into the femoral head (Col. 1, lines 7-8), an implant having a cannulation to receive a guide wire (Col. 3, lines 29-33), and an implant that is capable of attachment with an insertion device. The invention is Bresina further discloses that the maximum diameter of the bladed portion is smaller than the maximum diameter of the non-bladed portion (See Fig. 1 below).



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 6-12, 25-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bresina '256 in view of Lasner (U.S. Patent No. 5,120,171). Bresina discloses the above invention except for a variable blade height that increases in the direction along the longitudinal axis. Lasner shows a variable height along the longitudinal axis near the distal tip (14) of the device. Lasner describes the function of having a variable height in that the device can pass through cortical bone without cracking or damaging the bone. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the variance in height of Lasner with the invention of Bresina to facilitate the implantation of the insertion device into the femur.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

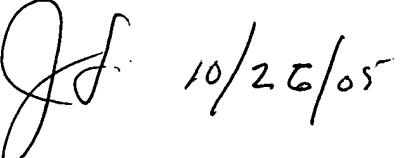
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See additional references in PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James L. Swiger whose telephone number is 571-272-5557. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on 571-272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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